

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

19. (Currently Amended) A method of treating skin comprising applying a cosmetic composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of citrulline in an amount of 0.5 mM to 60 mM to skin so that active oxygen in the skin is scavenged by the citrulline.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein the cosmetic composition ~~contains~~ consists essentially of citrulline in an amount of from ~~10 mM to 1000 mM~~ 4 mM to 60 mM.

21. - 24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method of preventing active oxygen injury comprising adding citrulline to a cosmetic composition to decrease active oxygen content wherein the composition consists essentially of citrulline in an amount of 0.5 mM to 60 mM.

26. (Currently Amended) A method to improve preservation of an active oxygen phobic substance, the method ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of adding citrulline in an amount of 0.5 mM to 60 mM to decrease active oxygen content of the active oxygen phobic substance.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the active oxygen phobic substance is a medicine, a food or a cosmetic.

28. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the amount of citrulline is from 4 mM to 60 mM.

29. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein the amount of citrulline is from 4 mM to 60 mM.